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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

  
Betty Haley

cc:

Senator Blanche Lincoln  
Representative John Boozman  
Senator Mark Pryor  
FCC Chairman Kevin Martin

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